



**St Paul's**  
Primary School

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# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

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**Autumn Term 2- November 2024**

## **Welcome back**

We hope you had an enjoyable half term break and the opportunity to rest and recharge. We have an exciting half term ahead and cannot wait to begin. This newsletter will give you more information about this half term and its events. If you have any further questions, you can contact us via the school office or speak to us briefly once we have dismissed our class at the end of the day.

## **Key dates this half term**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November: **Autumn term Parents' Evenings.**

For parents of pupils in Year 5, these appointments will take place in the St. Paul's Site Hall. Please ensure you are on time for your appointment as we only have a limited time available and cannot extend into the next slot. You will also have the opportunity to sit and look at your child's exercise books.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: **Year 5 and 6 visit to IMAX Cinema at the Science Museum**

A letter about this trip went home before half term. We are still looking for parent helpers to make this visit possible. If you are available to help for the day, please speak to one of us as soon as possible. We are leaving school promptly so children should be in class on time, wearing full school uniform. However, they are able to wear sensible trainers due to a lot of walking. Pupils should also have a rain jacket and water bottle with them.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas Jumper Day**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: **KS2 Class Christmas Parties**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December: **Last day of term (early closure at 1.30pm)**

## **Learning this half term**

Please see the overview for more detailed information about learning this half term. Our Topic is an Art-based unit exploring depictions of the River Thames and techniques with watercolours.

## **Physical Education**

Your child should have a suitable PE kit in school for this half term. This consists of a pair of sensible trainers or plimsolls; a plain white t-shirt and black shorts. Please ensure any earrings are removed on PE days. This half term we will be doing Dance inside.

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## **Reading Records**

Many children have made a fantastic start to their reading this year and we are particularly pleased to see so much variety in genres being explored. However, we are seeing quite a lot of records with no adult comment- please ensure you are reading with your child at least once a week and recording in the reading record. This is vital to develop your child's inference skills and fluency.

Records are checked weekly by the class teacher but should be brought to school every day. Please continue to remind your child to record their reading regularly, even with books from home.

## **Homework**

Maths and Spelling homework will be sent home on the Friday of each week (except during school holidays). All homework is due back on Tuesday. Your child should keep their homework in the purple folder provided last year. Spelling homework requires a parent signature. Maths homework should be completed in pencil in the small red exercise book provided.

We are really excited for this half term and the lead up to Christmas celebrations in school. There will be further information shared about Christmas celebrations and other events in school closer to the time.

Thank you,

**Mrs Little and Miss James.**

*Year 5 class teachers*

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